

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

DAVE CARLTON, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FRED CANNON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No.: 4:15-cv-00012

CLASS ACTION

District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (together with all Exhibits thereto, the “Stipulation”), dated as of February 14, 2017, which is entered into by and among (i) the Lead Plaintiffs Dave Carlton and Sharon Kegerreis (“Lead Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves and on behalf of the Settlement Class (as defined herein), and (ii) the Defendants Mard, Inc. f/k/a KiOR, Inc. and Fred Cannon (collectively, the “Defendants”), by and through their undersigned attorneys, states all of the terms of the settlement and resolution of this matter by the Settling Parties (as defined herein) and is intended by the Settling Parties to fully and finally release, resolve, remise, and discharge the Released Claims (as defined herein) against the Released Parties (as defined herein), subject to the approval of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Court”).

Throughout this Stipulation, all terms used with initial capitalization, but not immediately defined, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Section 1 below.

WHEREAS:

A. The Actions

This litigation was commenced in the United State District Court for the Southern District of Texas on August 20, 2013 styled as *Berry et al. v. KiOR, Inc., et al.*, 4:13-cv-2443, alleging violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as against KiOR, Inc. (“KiOR”, “Mard” or the “Company”), Fred Cannon, and John Karnes.

On November 25, 2013, the Court appointed Dave Carlton and Sharon Kegerreis as Lead Plaintiffs and appointed Lead Plaintiffs’ chosen counsel, The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. and Levi & Korsinsky LLP as Lead Counsel and Gascoyne & Bullion, P.C. as Liaison Counsel, pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, as amended.

On January 27, 2014, Lead Plaintiffs filed the First Amended Class Action Complaint (“FAC”) against KiOR, Fred Cannon and John Karnes. On March 25, 2014, all defendants to the action filed motions to dismiss the FAC.

After defendants filed their motions to dismiss, Lead Plaintiffs filed, and the Court granted, Lead Plaintiffs’ unopposed motion for leave to file the Second Amended Class Action Complaint (“SAC”). The SAC was filed on May 27, 2014, and all defendants moved to dismiss the SAC on July 3, 2014.

On November 9, 2014, with the motions to dismiss still pending, KiOR filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code which invoked the automatic stay against KiOR. On December 8 and December 16, 2014, the Court held telephonic hearings to discuss KiOR’s bankruptcy and the impact on the pending action. On December 22, 2014, all parties jointly moved to stay the case against KiOR and to sever the claims against defendants Cannon and Karnes.

On January 5, 2015, the Court entered an order: (i) staying the case as to KiOR; (ii) severing the claims against defendants Cannon and Karnes; and (iii) declaring the pending motion to dismiss as moot without prejudice to reassertion if appropriate after the case is reinstated to the active docket. The severed action against defendants Cannon and Karnes was restyled as *Carlton, et al., v. Cannon, et al.*, Case No. 4:15-cv-00012 (S.D. Tex.) (collectively, with *Berry*, the “Actions”).

On February 13, 2015, Lead Plaintiffs filed the Third Amended Class Action Complaint (“TAC”) against defendants Cannon and Karnes, and added Vinod Khosla as a defendant. On March 27, 2015, defendants Cannon, Karnes and Khosla each filed their own motion to dismiss the TAC.

On May 4, 2016, the Court granted the motions to dismiss filed by defendants Karnes and Khosla and denied defendant Cannon’s motion to dismiss, noting that some of Cannon’s alleged statements could not provide a basis for liability. On June 8, 2016, Defendant Cannon filed his Answer, Defenses and Affirmative Defenses to the TAC. On July 22, 2016, the Court denied Lead Plaintiffs’ motion to reconsider the dismissal of claims against defendants Karnes and Khosla. On October 7, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs filed a Notice of Appeal of the Court’s May 4, 2016 decision on the motions to dismiss. On January 19, 2017, the appeal was dismissed. On October 17, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs filed a motion to further amend their complaint.

B. The Bankruptcy Proceedings

After KiOR filed its bankruptcy petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (*In re KiOR, Inc.*, No. 14-12514-CSS), Lead Plaintiffs filed a Proof of Claim Form on February 9, 2015 to protect the Class’ claim against the debtor KiOR. On June 1, 2015, KiOR filed its Second Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”). Judge

Christopher S. Sontchi entered the Confirmation Order confirming the Plan on June 9, 2015 with the effective date of the plan June 30, 2015. Upon the effective date, KiOR emerged from bankruptcy as a private company, and was subsequently re-named Mard, Inc.

On June 27, 2016, Kurt F. Gwynne, the liquidating trustee appointed by the Plan, filed an adversary proceeding and complaint for declaratory relief that Lead Plaintiffs' Proof of Claim is subordinated (the "Adversary Proceeding"). After responding to the Adversary Proceeding, Lead Plaintiffs notified Mr. Gwynne and Judge Sontchi that the settlement of this securities class action would render the Adversary Proceeding moot.

C. The Settlement

On October 19, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs, defendant Cannon and a representative of Mard, Inc. attended a mediation with Robert Meyer, Esq. of JAMS. A settlement in principle was reached soon after this mediation.

This Stipulation memorializes the agreement between the parties to fully and finally settle the Actions and to fully release all Released Claims against the Defendants and the Released Parties with prejudice in return for specified consideration.

D. The Defendants' Denial Of Wrongdoing And Liability

Throughout the course of the Actions and in this Stipulation, Defendants have denied and continue to deny each, any and all allegations of wrongdoing, fault, liability or damage whatsoever asserted in the Actions. Defendants have also denied, *inter alia*, the allegations that Lead Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class have suffered damages or that Lead Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class were harmed by the conduct alleged in the Actions. Defendants continue to believe the claims asserted against them in the Actions are without merit.

Defendants have agreed to enter into this Stipulation solely to avoid the uncertainties, burden and expense of further litigation and to put the Released Claims to rest finally and forever. Nothing in this Stipulation shall be construed as an admission by either Defendants or any of the Released Parties of any wrongdoing, fault, liability or damages whatsoever.

E. Claims of Plaintiffs And Benefits of Settlement

Lead Plaintiffs believe that the claims asserted in the Actions have merit. Lead Plaintiffs, however, recognize and acknowledge the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to prosecute the Actions against Defendants through trial and appeals. Lead Plaintiffs have also taken into account the uncertain outcome and the risk of any litigation, especially since KiOR's bankruptcy. In particular, Lead Plaintiffs have considered the inherent problems of proof and possible defenses to the federal securities law violations asserted in the Actions, including the defenses that have been or could be asserted by Defendants during the litigation, motion for summary judgment, motion for class certification and trial. Lead Plaintiffs have therefore determined that the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among the Lead Plaintiffs (on behalf of themselves and each of the Settlement Class Members) and Defendants (by and through their respective undersigned counsel) that, subject to the approval of the Court, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Settling Parties from the Settlement set forth herein, the Actions and the Released Claims as against the Released Parties shall be finally and fully compromised, settled and released, the Actions shall be dismissed with prejudice and the Released Claims shall be finally and fully released as against the Released Parties, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Stipulation, as follows:

1. Definitions

In addition to the terms defined above, the following capitalized terms, used in this Stipulation, shall have the meanings specified below:

1.1. “Actions” means collectively the putative class actions captioned *Carlton, et al. v. Fred Cannon, et al.*, Case No. 4:15-cv-00012 (S.D. Tex.) and *Berry v. KiOR, Inc., et al.*, 4:13-cv-02443 (S.D. Tex.).

1.2. “Administrative Costs” means all costs and expenses associated with providing notice of the Settlement to the Settlement Class and otherwise administering or carrying out the terms of the Settlement. Such costs may include, without limitation: escrow agent costs, the costs of publishing the summary notice, the costs of printing and mailing the Notice and Proof of Claim, as directed by the Court, and the costs of allocating and distributing the Net Settlement Fund to the Authorized Claimants. Such costs do not include legal fees.

1.3. “Authorized Claimant” means any Settlement Class Member who is a Claimant and whose claim for recovery has been allowed pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, the exhibits hereto, and any order of the Court.

1.4. “Business Day” means any day except Saturday or Sunday or any other day on which national banks are authorized by law or executive order to close in the State of New York.

1.5. “Claimant” means any Settlement Class Member who files a Proof of Claim in such form and manner, and within such time, as the Court shall prescribe.

1.6. “Claims” means any and all manner of claims, debts, demands, controversies, obligations, losses, costs, interest, penalties, fees, expenses, rights, duties, judgments, sums of money, suits, contracts, agreements, promises, damages, causes of action and

liabilities, of every nature and description in law or equity (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, whether compensatory, special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary or otherwise, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, recession or recessionary damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, costs, or expenses), accrued or unaccrued, known or unknown, arising under federal, state, common, administrative, or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation.

1.7. "Claims Administrator" means Strategic Claims Services which shall administer the Settlement.

1.8. "Common Stock" means the shares of common stock of Mard, Inc. f/k/a KiOR, Inc.

1.9. "Defendants" means Mard, Inc. f/k/a KiOR, Inc. and Fred Cannon.

1.10. "Escrow Account" means an interest-bearing escrow account established by the Escrow Co-Agents at the Huntington National Bank. The Escrow Account shall be managed by the Escrow Co-Agents, subject to the Court's supervisory authority, for the benefit of Lead Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation and any order of the Court.

1.11. The "Escrow Co-Agents" are The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. and Levi & Korsinsky LLP. The Escrow Co-Agents shall perform the duties as set forth in this Stipulation and any order of the Court.

1.12. "Effective Date" shall have the meaning set forth in ¶ 10.3 of this Stipulation.

1.13. "Final" when referring to the Final Judgment means exhaustion of all possible appeals, meaning (i) if no appeal or request for review is filed, the day after the date of

expiration of any time for appeal or review of the Final Judgment, and (ii) if an appeal or request for review is filed, the day after the date the appeal or request for review is dismissed, or the Final Judgment is upheld on appeal or review in all material respects, and is not subject to further review on appeal or by certiorari or otherwise; provided, however, that no order of the Court or modification or reversal on appeal or any other order relating solely to the amount, payment, or allocation of attorneys' fees and expenses or to the Plan of Allocation shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of this Settlement or affect its terms, including the release in ¶ 6.1, or shall affect or delay the date on which the Final Judgment becomes Final.

1.14. "Final Judgment" means the order and judgment to be entered by the Court finally approving the Settlement and dismissing the Actions, materially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

1.15. "Insurers" means, collectively, the primary and first excess insurer under director and officer liability policies issued to KiOR, Inc. for the period June 22, 2013 to June 22, 2014, including specifically ACE American Insurance Company (Policy No. DON G2559261A 003) and AXIS Insurance Company (Excess Policy No. MHN761121/01/2013).

1.16. "Lead Plaintiffs" means Dave Carlton and Sharon Kegerreis as identified in the opening paragraph of the TAC.

1.17. "Lead Counsel" means The Rosen Law Firm, P.A., and Levi & Korsinsky, LLP.

1.18. "Liaison Counsel" means Gascoyne & Bullion, P.C.

1.19. "Notice" means the "Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Actions," which is to be sent to Settlement Class Members substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-1.

1.20. “Opt-Out” means any one of, and “Opt-Outs” means all of, any Persons who otherwise would be Settlement Class Members and have timely and validly requested exclusion from the Settlement Class in accordance with the provisions of the Preliminary Approval Order and the Notice given pursuant thereto.

1.21. “Person” means an individual, corporation, fund, limited liability corporation, professional corporation, limited liability partnership, partnership, limited partnership, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity and their spouses, heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assigns.

1.22. “Plan of Allocation” means a plan or formula for allocating the Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants after payment of Administrative Costs, Taxes and Tax Expenses, and such attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses as may be awarded by the Court. Any Plan of Allocation is not a condition to the effectiveness of this Stipulation, and the Released Parties shall have no responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

1.23. “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed order preliminarily approving the Settlement and directing notice thereof to the Settlement Class substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

1.24. “Proof of Claim” means the Proof of Claim and Release Form to be submitted by Claimants, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2.

1.25. “Related Parties” means, with respect to each Released Party, the immediate family members, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, legal representatives, accountants, insurers, reinsurers, and agents of each of them, and any person or entity which is or was related to or affiliated with any

Released Party or in which any Released Party has a controlling interest, and the present and former parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, predecessors, successors, and the employees, officers, directors, attorneys, assigns, legal representatives, insurers, reinsurers, and agents of each of them.

1.26. “Released Claims” means and includes any and all Claims and Unknown Claims (as defined in ¶ 1.39) that have been or could have been asserted by or on behalf of any of the Releasing Parties, in any capacity, which arise out of, are based upon, or relate in any way to the purchase or acquisition of KiOR securities during the Settlement Class Period, including but not limited to any claims alleged in the Actions, any claims alleged in KiOR’s bankruptcy proceeding, and any claims related to the allegations, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, acts, disclosures, representations, omissions, or any other matter whatsoever involved, set forth, referred to, or otherwise related, directly or indirectly, to the allegations in the Actions or the disclosures made in connection therewith (including the adequacy and completeness or such disclosures). Notwithstanding the foregoing, “Released Claims” does not include claims to enforce the terms of this Stipulation or orders or judgments issued by the Court in connection with this Settlement.

1.27. “Released Parties” means Mard, Inc. f/k/a KiOR, Inc., Fred Cannon, John Karnes and Vinod Khosla, and each and all of their Related Parties, including all of Mard, Inc. f/k/a KiOR, Inc.’s current and former officers, directors, and employees.

1.28. “Releasing Parties” means Lead Plaintiffs, each and every Settlement Class Member and each of their respective parent entities, associates, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, attorneys, immediate family members, heirs, representatives, administrators, executors, devisees, legatees, and estates.

1.29. “Settlement” means the settlement contemplated by this Stipulation.

1.30. “Settlement Amount” means the sum of \$4,500,000.00 (Four Million Five Hundred Thousand U.S. Dollars). The Settlement Amount includes all Administrative Costs, Lead Counsel’s attorneys’ fees and expenses, as allowed by the Court, Settlement Class Member benefits, as well as any other costs, expenses, or fees or any kind whatsoever associated with the Settlement.

1.31. “Settlement Class” means all persons who purchased or acquired the securities of Mard, Inc. f/k/a KiOR, Inc. during the Settlement Class Period, except that excluded from the Settlement Class are all: (i) Defendants, John Karnes, Vinod Khosla, and all current and former officers and directors of Mard, Inc. f/k/a KiOR, Inc. and its subsidiaries; (ii) blood relatives and household members of any such person excluded under (i); (iii) any entities affiliated with, controlled by, or more than 5% owned by, any person excluded under (i) and (ii); (iv) the legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns of any person excluded under (i) through (iii); (v) Opt-Outs; and (v) Persons who have no compensable damages.

1.32. “Settlement Class Member” means any one of, and “Settlement Class Members” means all of, the members of the Settlement Class.

1.33. “Settlement Class Period” means the period from June 24, 2011 through March 17, 2014, inclusive.

1.34. “Settlement Fund” means all funds transferred to the Escrow Account pursuant to this Stipulation and any interest or other income earned thereon.

1.35. “Settlement Hearing” means the hearing at or after which the Court will make a final decision pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as to

whether the Settlement contained in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable and adequate, and therefore, should receive final approval from the Court.

1.36. “Settling Party” means any one of, and “Settling Parties” means all of, the parties to the Stipulation, namely defendants Mard, Inc. f/k/a KiOR, Inc. and Fred Cannon and Lead Plaintiffs (on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class).

1.37. “Unknown Claims” means all Claims of every nature and description which Lead Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Parties which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement with and release of the Released Parties, or might have affected his, her, or its decision not to opt-out or object to this Settlement.

2. The Settlement Consideration

2.1. In consideration of the full and final release, settlement and discharge of all Released Claims against the Released Parties, Defendants shall, within ten (10) Business Days after receiving written notice that the Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order, cause the Insurers to transfer the Settlement Amount, by wire transfer or check, to the Escrow Account, provided that the Escrow Co-Agents have provided Defendant’s counsel with complete wire and transfer information and instructions and a completed Form W-9 at least three business days prior to the date of such payment.

2.2. Under no circumstances will Defendants or any of their insurers be required to pay, or cause payment of, more than the Settlement Amount pursuant to this Stipulation and the Settlement for any reason whatsoever, including, without limitation, as compensation to any Settlement Class Member, as payment of attorneys’ fees and expenses

awarded by the Court, or in payment of any fees or expenses incurred by any Settlement Class Member or Lead Counsel.

3. Handling And Disbursement Of Funds By The Escrow Co-Agents

3.1. No monies will be disbursed from the Settlement Fund until after the Effective Date except:

- (a) As provided in ¶ 3.4 below;
- (b) As provided in ¶ 8.2 below;
- (c) As provided in ¶ 10.9 below, if applicable; and

(d) To pay Taxes and Tax Expenses (as defined in ¶ 4.1 below) on the income earned by the Settlement Fund. Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund and shall be considered to be a cost of administration of the Settlement and shall be timely paid by the Escrow Co-Agents without prior Order of the Court.

3.2. The Escrow Co-Agents shall invest the Settlement Fund in short term instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or fully insured by the United States Government or an agency thereof, and shall reinvest the proceeds of these instruments as they mature in similar instruments at their then-current market rates. The Escrow Co-Agents shall bear all responsibility and liability for managing the Escrow Account and cannot assign or delegate its responsibilities without approval of the Settling Parties and the Insurers. Defendants, their counsel, their insurers and the other Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or any liability whatsoever with respect to any investment or management decisions executed by the Escrow Co-Agents. The Settlement Fund shall bear all risks related to the investments of the Settlement Amount in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this ¶ 3.2.

3.3. The Escrow Co-Agents shall not disburse the Settlement Fund except as provided in this Stipulation, by an order of the Court, or with the written agreement of counsel for Defendants.

3.4. At any time after the Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement, the Escrow Co-Agents may, without further approval from Defendants or the Court, disburse at the direction of Lead Counsel up to \$175,000.00 (One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand U.S. Dollars) from the Settlement Fund prior to the Effective Date to pay Administrative Costs. After the Effective Date, additional amounts, up to \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars), may be transferred from the Gross Settlement Fund to pay for any necessary additional Administrative Costs without further order of the Court.

4. Taxes

4.1. The Settling Parties agree to treat the Settlement Fund as being at all times a “qualified settlement fund” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1. In addition, Lead Counsel or their designee shall timely make such elections as necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this ¶ 4.1, including the “relation-back election” (as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1) back to the earliest permitted date. Such elections shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in such regulations. It shall be the responsibility of Lead Counsel or their designee to timely and properly prepare and deliver the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties, and thereafter to cause the appropriate filing to occur.

(a) For purposes of § 1.468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3) promulgated thereunder, the “administrator” shall be Lead Counsel or their designee. Lead Counsel or their designee shall

timely and properly file all informational and other tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Settlement Fund (including without limitation the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)). Such returns (as well as the election described in this ¶ 4.1) shall be consistent with this ¶ 4.1 and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest or penalties) on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

(b) All Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest or penalties) arising with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Fund, including any Taxes or tax detriments that may be imposed upon Defendants or their counsel or their insurers with respect to any income earned by the Settlement Fund for any period during which the Settlement Fund does not qualify as a “qualified settlement fund” for federal or state income tax purposes (“Taxes”), and all expenses and costs incurred in connection with the operation and implementation of this ¶ 4.1 (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and/or accountants and mailing and distribution costs and expenses or penalties relating to filing (or failing to file) the returns described in this ¶ 4.1) (“Tax Expenses”), shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, as appropriate. Defendants, their counsel, their insurers and the other Released Parties shall have no liability or responsibility for the Taxes or the Tax Expenses. Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be treated as, and considered to be, a cost of administration of the Settlement and shall be timely paid out of the Settlement Fund without prior order from the Court. The Escrow Co-Agents shall be obligated (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution to Authorized Claimants any funds necessary to pay such amounts, including the establishment of adequate reserves for any Taxes and Tax Expenses (as well as any amounts that may be withheld under Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(1)(2)). Defendants, their counsel, their insurers and the

other Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or any liability whatsoever with respect to the foregoing provided in this ¶ 4.1. The Settling Parties agree to cooperate with each other, and their tax attorneys and accountants, to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this ¶ 4.1.

5. Preliminary Approval Order, Notice Order, And Settlement Hearing

5.1. As soon as practicable after execution of this Stipulation, Lead Counsel shall submit this Stipulation and its exhibits to the Court and shall apply for preliminary approval of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, entry of a preliminary approval order, and approval for the mailing and dissemination of notice, substantially in the form of Exhibits A, A-1, A-2, and A-3. The mailed Notice (Exhibit A-1) shall include the general terms of the Settlement and the provisions of the Plan of Allocation, and shall set forth the procedure by which recipients of the Notice may object to the Settlement or the Plan of Allocation or request to be excluded from the Settlement Class. The date and time of the Settlement Hearing shall be added to the Notice before it is mailed or otherwise provided to Settlement Class Members. Defendants shall not object to, or have any responsibility for, Lead Counsel's proposed Plan of Allocation.

5.2. At the time of the submission described in ¶ 5.1 hereof, the Settling Parties, through their counsel, shall jointly request that, after the Notice is provided, the Court hold the Settlement Hearing and (i) approve the Settlement as set forth herein and (ii) enter a final order and judgment substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, as promptly after the Settlement Hearing as possible.

6. Releases And Covenants Not To Sue

6.1. Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties, on behalf of themselves, their successors and assigns, and any other Person claiming (now or in the future) through or on behalf of them, regardless of whether any such Releasing Party ever seeks or obtains by any means, including without limitation by submitting a Proof of Claim, any disbursement from the Settlement Fund, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Parties and shall have covenanted not to sue the Released Parties with respect to all such Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any Released Claim, in any capacity, against any of the Released Parties. Nothing contained herein shall, however, bar the Releasing Parties from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of this Stipulation or the Final Judgment.

6.2. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiffs shall expressly waive, and each of the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have waived, the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

Lead Plaintiffs shall expressly waive and each of the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have expressly waived, any and all

provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state, territory, foreign country or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542. Lead Plaintiffs and/or one or more Settlement Class Members may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which he, she or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Lead Plaintiffs shall expressly fully, finally and forever settle and release, and each Settlement Class Member, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever settled and released, any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of fiduciary duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. Lead Plaintiffs acknowledge, and the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed by operation of the Final Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

7. Administration And Calculation Of Claims, Final Awards And Supervision And Distribution Of The Settlement Fund

7.1. Under the supervision of Lead Counsel, acting on behalf of the Settlement Class, and subject to such supervision and direction of the Court as may be necessary or as circumstances may require, the Claims Administrator shall administer and calculate the claims submitted by Settlement Class Members and shall oversee distribution of the Net Settlement Fund (as defined below) to Authorized Claimants.

7.2. The Settlement Fund shall be applied as follows:

- (a) To pay the Taxes and Tax Expenses described in ¶ 4.1 above;
- (b) To pay Administrative Costs;
- (c) To pay Lead Counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses and payments to the Lead Plaintiffs for reimbursement of their time and expenses (the "Fee and Expense Award"), to the extent allowed by the Court; and
- (d) To distribute the balance of the Settlement Fund, that is, the Settlement Fund less the items set forth in ¶ 7.2(a), (b), and (c) hereof (the "Net Settlement Fund"), plus all accrued interest, to the Authorized Claimants as allowed by this Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, or the Court.

7.3. Upon and after the Effective Date, the Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants in accordance with the terms of the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice and any orders of the Court.

7.4. This is not a claims-made settlement, and if all conditions of the Stipulation are satisfied and the Final Judgment becomes Final, no portion of the Settlement Fund will be returned to Mard, Inc., Cannon, or the Insurers. Defendants, their counsel, their insurers and the other Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, involvement in, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to the investment or distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, the determination, administration, or calculation of claims, the payment or withholding of Taxes or Tax Expenses, or any losses incurred in connection therewith. No Person shall have any claims against Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel based on distribution determinations or claim rejections made substantially in accordance with this Stipulation and the Settlement contained herein, the Plan of Allocation, or orders of the Court. Lead Counsel shall have the right, but not

the obligation, to waive what they deem to be formal or technical defects in any Proofs of Claim filed, where doing so is in the interest of achieving substantial justice.

7.5. It is understood and agreed by the Settling Parties that any proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund including, but not limited to, any adjustments to an Authorized Claimant's claim set forth therein, is not a condition of this Stipulation and is to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation. Any order or proceedings relating to the Plan of Allocation, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to modify, terminate or cancel this Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Final Judgment and the releases contained therein, or any other orders entered pursuant to this Stipulation.

7.6. To assist in dissemination of notice, Defendants will cooperate in obtaining from the Company's transfer records, information concerning the identity of Settlement Class Members, including any names and addresses of Settlement Class Members and nominees or custodians that exists in such transfer records ("Settlement Class Information"). Defendants shall provide, or cause to be provided, to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator, at no cost to Plaintiffs, within fourteen (14) calendar days after the Court signs an order preliminarily approving the Settlement, transfer records in electronic searchable form, such as Excel, containing the Settlement Class Information. The Parties acknowledge that any information provided to Lead Counsel by Defendants pursuant to this Paragraph shall be treated as confidential and will be used by Lead Counsel solely to deliver the Notice and/or implement the Settlement, including the Plan of Allocation.

8. Lead Counsel's Attorneys' Fees And Reimbursement Of Expenses

8.1. Lead Counsel may submit an application or applications (the "Fee and Expense Application") for distributions from the Settlement Fund to Lead Counsel for: (i) an award of attorneys' fees from the Settlement Fund; (ii) reimbursement of actual costs and expenses, including the fees and expenses of any experts or consultants, incurred in connection with prosecuting the Actions; and (iii) payments to Lead Plaintiffs for reimbursement of their time and expenses in connection with the Actions. Defendants shall take no position with respect to the Fee and Expense Application(s).

8.2. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the District Court shall be paid to Lead Counsel from the Settlement Fund immediately after the date the Court enters the Final Judgment and an order awarding such fees and expenses, notwithstanding any objections to or appeals of such order or of the Final Judgment. In the event that the Effective Date does not occur, or the Final Judgment is reversed or modified in any way that affects the award of attorneys' fees and expenses, or the Stipulation is terminated for any other reason, then Lead Counsel shall be jointly and severally obligated to refund to the Escrow Account, within ten (10) Business Days from receiving notice from Defendants' counsel or from a court of appropriate jurisdiction, either the full amount of the fees and expenses or an amount consistent with any modification of the Final Judgment with respect to the fee and expense award, including accrued interest at the same rate as is earned by the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel, on behalf of their firms and each partner and/or shareholder of their firms, agrees that the law firm and its partners and/or shareholders are subject to jurisdiction of the Court for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this paragraph, and each shall be jointly and severally liable for repayment of all attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the

Court. Furthermore, without limitation, Lead Counsel, and each such firm's partners and/or shareholders, agree that the Court may, upon application of Defendants, summarily issue orders, including, without limitation, judgments and attachment orders and may make appropriate findings of or sanctions for contempt against that firm or any of its partners and/or shareholders should such law firm fail timely to repay fees and expenses pursuant to this paragraph. Any amounts awarded by the Court to Lead Plaintiffs for reimbursement of their time and expenses shall not be paid from the Settlement Fund until after the Effective Date.

8.3. The procedure for, and allowance or disallowance by the Court of, the Fee and Expense Application are not a condition of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation and are to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation. Any order of or proceeding relating to the Fee and Expense Application, or any objection to, motion regarding, or appeal from any order or proceeding relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to modify, terminate or cancel this Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Final Judgment or the releases contained therein or any other orders entered pursuant to this Stipulation.

8.4. Any award of attorneys' fees and/or expenses to Lead Counsel or reimbursement payments to Lead Plaintiffs shall be paid solely from the Settlement Fund and shall reduce the settlement consideration paid to the Settlement Class accordingly. No Defendant shall have any responsibility for payment of Lead Counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses or other awards to Lead Plaintiffs beyond the obligation of Defendants to cause the Insurers to fund the Settlement Amount as set forth in ¶ 2.1 above. The Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, any payments to Lead Counsel,

Lead Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class and/or any other Person who receives payment from the Settlement Fund.

9. Class Certification

9.1. In the Final Judgment, the Settlement Class shall be certified for purposes of this Settlement, but in the event that the Final Judgment does not become Final or the Settlement fails to become effective for any reason, all Settling Parties reserve all their rights on all issues, including class certification. For purposes of this settlement only, in connection with the Final Judgment, Defendants shall consent to (i) the appointment of Lead Plaintiffs as the class representatives, (ii) the appointment of Lead Counsel as class counsel, and (iii) the certification of the Settlement Class pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

10. Conditions Of Settlement, Effect of Disapproval, Cancellation Or Termination

10.1. Lead Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Settlement Class, and Defendants shall each have the right to terminate the Settlement and Stipulation by providing written notice of his or its election to do so (“Termination Notice”) to all other Settling Parties within seven (7) business days of:

(i) entry of a Court order declining to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect;

(ii) entry of a Court order refusing to approve this Stipulation in any material respect;

(iii) entry of a Court order declining to enter the Final Judgment in any material respect;

(iv) entry of a Court order refusing to dismiss the Actions with prejudice;

(v) entry of an order by which the Final Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by any appeal or review;

(vi) failure on the part of any Settling Party to abide, in material respect, with the terms of this Stipulation. In the absence of any of the events enumerated in the preceding sentence, ¶ 10.2, ¶ 10.5 or ¶ 10.6, no Party shall have the right to terminate the Stipulation for any reason.

10.2. If the Settlement Amount is not paid into the Escrow Account in accordance with ¶ 2.1 of this Stipulation, then Lead Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Settlement Class, and not Defendants, shall have the right to (a) terminate the Settlement and Stipulation by providing written notice to Defendants at any time prior to the Court's entry of the Final Judgment; or (b) enforce the terms of the Settlement and this Stipulation and seek a judgment effecting the terms herein.

10.3. The Effective Date of this Stipulation ("Effective Date") shall not occur unless and until each of the following events occurs, and it shall be the date upon which the last in time of the following events occurs:

(a) Defendants have not exercised their option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to ¶ 10.5;

(b) The Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order attached hereto as Exhibit A or an order containing materially the same terms;

(c) The sum of \$4,500,000.00 (Four Million Five Hundred Thousand U.S. Dollars) has been paid into the Escrow Account, as set forth in ¶ 2.1;

(d) The Court has approved the Settlement, following notice to the Settlement Class and the Settlement Hearing, and has entered the Final Judgment;

- (e) The Final Judgment has become Final as defined in ¶ 1.13; and
- (f) The Actions have been dismissed with prejudice.

10.4. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, any and all interest or right of Defendants or the Insurers in or to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished, except as set forth in this Stipulation.

10.5. If prior to final Court approval of the Settlement, Persons who otherwise would be Settlement Class Members have filed with the Court valid and timely requests for exclusion from the Settlement Class in accordance with the provisions of the Preliminary Approval Order and the notice given pursuant thereto (“Opt-Outs”), and such Persons in the aggregate purchased securities during the Settlement Class Period in an amount greater than the amount specified in a separate Supplemental Agreement between the parties (the “Supplemental Agreement”), then Defendants shall have, in their sole and absolute discretion, the option to terminate this Stipulation and Settlement in strict accordance with the requirements and procedures set forth in the Supplemental Agreement (hereinafter the “Supplemental Termination Option”). The Supplemental Agreement shall not be filed with the Court unless and until a dispute among the Settling Parties concerning its interpretation or application arises.

10.6. If some or all of the conditions specified in ¶ 10.3 above are not met, or in the event that this Stipulation is not approved by the Court, or the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation is terminated or fails to become effective in accordance with its terms, then this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated, unless all of the Settling Parties agree in writing to proceed with this Stipulation, except that Defendants shall not have the right to terminate the Stipulation if the Settlement Amount is not paid pursuant to ¶ 2.1. None of the Settling Parties, or any of them, shall have any obligation whatsoever to proceed under any terms other than those

provided for and agreed herein. If any Settling Party engages in a material breach of the terms hereof, any other Settling Party, provided that it is in substantial compliance with the terms of this Stipulation, may terminate this Stipulation on notice to all the Settling Parties.

10.7. In the event the Stipulation shall terminate, or be canceled, or shall not become effective for any reason, the Settling Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Actions immediately prior to October 19, 2016, and they shall proceed in all respects as if the Stipulation had not been executed and the related orders had not been entered, and in that event all of their respective claims and defenses as to any issue in the Actions shall be preserved without prejudice.

10.8. In the event that the Stipulation is not approved by the Court or the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation is terminated or fails to become effective in accordance with its terms, the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, except as otherwise provided herein, shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Settling Parties and shall not be used in the Actions or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

10.9. In the event the Stipulation shall be terminated, or be canceled, or shall not become effective for any reason, within seven (7) Business Days (except as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Agreement) after the occurrence of such event, the Settlement Fund (less taxes already paid and any Administrative Costs which have either been disbursed or are determined to be chargeable) shall be refunded by the Escrow Co-Agents to the Insurers, in proportion to their contribution to the Settlement Fund, plus accrued interest attributable to that amount by check or wire transfer pursuant to written instructions from the Insurers. At the request of the Insurers, the Escrow Co-Agents or their designee shall apply for any tax refund

owed on the Settlement Fund and pay the proceeds, after deduction of any fees or expenses incurred in connection with such application(s) for refund, to the Insurers pursuant to written direction from the Insurers.

10.10. No order of the Court or modification or reversal on appeal of any order of the Court concerning the Plan of Allocation or the Fee and Expense Application shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of the Stipulation.

11. No Admission Of Liability Or Wrongdoing

11.1. The Settling Parties covenant and agree that neither this Stipulation, nor the fact nor any terms of the Settlement, nor any communication relating thereto, nor the Supplemental Agreement, is evidence, or an admission or concession by any Settling Party or their counsel, any Settlement Class Member, or any of the Released Parties, of any fault, liability or wrongdoing whatsoever, as to any facts or claims alleged or asserted in the Actions, or any other actions or proceedings, or as to the validity or merit of any of the claims or defenses alleged or asserted in any such action or proceeding. This Stipulation is not a finding or evidence of the validity or invalidity of any claims or defenses in the Actions, any wrongdoing by any Settling Party, Settlement Class Member, or any of the Released Parties, or any damages or injury to any Settling Party, Settlement Class Member, or any Released Parties. Neither this Stipulation, nor the Supplemental Agreement, nor any of the terms and provisions of this Stipulation or the Supplemental Agreement, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings in connection therewith, nor any of the documents or statements referred to herein or therein, nor the Settlement, nor the fact of the Settlement, nor the Settlement proceedings, nor any statement in connection therewith, (a) shall (i) be argued to be, used or construed as, offered or received in evidence as, or otherwise constitute an admission, concession, presumption, proof, evidence, or a

finding of any, liability, fault, wrongdoing, injury or damages, or of any wrongful conduct, acts or omissions on the part of any Released Party, or of any infirmity of any defense, or of any damages to the Lead Plaintiffs or any other Settlement Class Member, or (ii) otherwise be used to create or give rise to any inference or presumption against any of the Released Parties concerning any fact or any purported liability, fault, or wrongdoing of the Released Parties or any injury or damages to any person or entity, or (b) shall otherwise be admissible, referred to or used in any proceeding of any nature, for any purpose whatsoever; provided, however, that the Stipulation or the Supplemental Agreement or the Final Judgment may be introduced in any proceeding, whether in the Court or otherwise, as may be necessary to enforce the Settlement or Supplemental Agreement or Final Judgment, or as otherwise required by law.

12. Miscellaneous Provisions

12.1. Except in the event of the filing of a Termination Notice pursuant to ¶¶ 10.1, 10.2, 10.5 or 10.6 of this Stipulation or termination notice in accordance with the parties' Supplemental Agreement, the Settling Parties shall take all actions necessary to consummate this agreement; and agree to cooperate with each other to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of the Stipulation.

12.2. The Settling Parties and their counsel represent that they will not encourage or otherwise influence (or seek to influence) any Settlement Class Members to request exclusion from, or object to, the Settlement.

12.3. Each of the attorneys executing this Stipulation, any of its exhibits, or any related settlement documents on behalf of any Settling Party hereto hereby warrants and represents that he or she has been duly empowered and authorized to do so by the Settling Party he or she represents.

12.4. Lead Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel represent and warrant that the Lead Plaintiffs are Settlement Class Members and none of Lead Plaintiffs' claims or causes of action against one or more Defendants in the Actions or in KiOR's bankruptcy proceeding, or referred to in this Stipulation, or that could have been alleged against one or more Defendants in the Actions or in KiOR's bankruptcy proceeding, have been assigned, encumbered or in any manner transferred in whole or in part.

12.5. This Stipulation, together with the Supplemental Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement between the Settling Parties related to the Settlement and supersedes any prior agreements. No representations, warranties, promises, inducements or other statements have been made to or relied upon by any Settling Party concerning this Stipulation, other than the representations, warranties and covenants expressly set forth herein and in the Supplemental Agreement. Lead Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class, acknowledge and agree that any and all other representations and warranties of any kind or nature, express or implied, are specifically disclaimed and were not relied upon in connection with this Stipulation. In entering this Stipulation, the Settling Parties relied solely upon their own knowledge and investigation. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Settling Party shall bear its own costs.

12.6. This Stipulation may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except by a writing signed by all Settling Parties or their counsel or their respective successors in interest.

12.7. This Stipulation shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the Settling Parties and their respective agents, successors, executors, heirs, and assigns.

12.8. The Released Parties who do not appear on the signature lines below, including but not limited to Mard, Inc., KiOR, Inc., Fred Cannon, John Karnes and Vinod Khosla, are acknowledged and agreed to be third party beneficiaries of this Stipulation and Settlement.

12.9. The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

12.10. This Stipulation may be executed in any number of counterparts by any of the signatories hereto and the transmission of an original signature page electronically (including by facsimile or portable document format) shall constitute valid execution of the Stipulation as if all signatories hereto had executed the same document. Copies of this Stipulation executed in counterpart shall constitute one agreement.

12.11. This Stipulation, the Settlement, the Supplemental Agreement and any all disputes arising out of or relating in any way to this Stipulation, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to conflict of laws principles.

12.12. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Stipulation, and all parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the Settlement embodied in this Stipulation.

12.13. The Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Settling Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations

between the Settling Parties, and all Settling Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.

12.14. Lead Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, and the attorneys, staff, experts, and consultants assisting them in these Actions agree that (a) they will not intentionally assist or cooperate with any person or entity in the pursuit of legal action related to the subject matter of these Actions against the Released Parties, (b) they will not intentionally assist or cooperate with any person or entity seeking to publicly disparage or economically harm the Released Parties with respect to any matter relating to the subject matter of these Actions, and (c) they will not discuss any confidential matters related to these Actions or the Settlement with anyone.

12.15. All agreements by, between or among the Settling Parties, their counsel and their other advisors as to the confidentiality of information exchanged between or among them shall remain in full force and effect, and shall survive the execution and any termination of this Stipulation and the final consummation of the Settlement, if finally consummated, without regard to any of the conditions of the Settlement.

12.16. The Settling Parties shall not assert or pursue any action, claim or rights that any party violated any provision of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and/or the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 in connection with the Actions, the Settlement, the Stipulation or the Supplemental Agreement. The Settling Parties agree that the Actions were resolved in good faith following arm's-length bargaining, in full compliance with applicable requirements of good faith litigation under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and/or the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

12.17. Any failure by any of the Settling Parties to insist upon the strict performance by any other Settling Party of any of the provisions of the Stipulation shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions hereof, and such Settling Party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the strict performance of any and all of the provisions of this Stipulation to be performed by the other Settling Parties to this Stipulation.

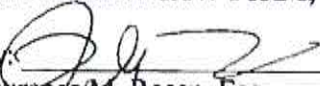
12.18. The waiver, express or implied, by any Settling Party of any breach or default by any other Settling Party in the performance of such Settling Party of its obligations under the Stipulation shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous, under this Stipulation.

12.19. The Settling Parties reserve the right, subject to the Court's approval, to make any reasonable extensions of time that might be necessary to carry out any of the provisions of this Stipulation.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Settling Parties have executed this Stipulation by their undersigned counsel effective as of the date set forth below.

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